Bharat Bhavan Nyas

3369. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the happenings in Bharat Bhavan Nyas in the year 1990-91 and onwards;

(b) whether Government agree with the changes made in the Bharat Bhavan Trustee Committee;

(c) whether there are any deviations proposed during 1990-91 and onwards in the basic concept of the said Trust;

(d) if so, the details and Government's action thereto; and

(e) if not, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e). The only official information with the Government of India is contained in a letter sent by Government of India nominee on the Trust, Smt. Pupul Jayakar which was signed by a large number of artists, writers and other personalities. In this letter the signatories voiced their concern at what they termed the politicisation of Bharat Bhavan. In order to understand the position better and to ascertain the new policy of the State Government, the Government of India have been asking the State Government to forward details of the changes made in the relevant Act. The State Government have not forwarded any details so far.

3370. [*Transferred to the 12th August, 1992*].

Drop Outs in Bihar

3371. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey about the drop outs in school in primary, middle and secondary levels in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, what was their number in each levels; and

(c) what remedial action Government have taken or propose to take to tackle the problem of school drop outs in the State of Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) No specific survey has been conducted in Bihar to assess rate of drop outs at various levels of education. However, such data is collected annually for all States/UTs. As per latest data availabe for 1987-88, in Bihar the situation was as folows:

Classes	Rate (%)
I—V	65.63
I—VIII	79.08
I—X	85.27

As regards remedial action for reduction of drop outs, the causes leading to drop out being many, there is no single programme which if implemented would lead to a specified reduction in the drop outs. The state Government has taken following steps in this regard:

(i) Provision of incentives such as free text books, free uniforms, scholarships and mid-day meals etc.;

(ii) community mobilisation to the need for literacy;